

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: PORK ANTITRUST LITIGATION

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Civil No. 18-CV-1776 (JRT/JFT)

Honorable John R. Tunheim

Honorable John F. Docherty

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO CARINA VENTURES LLC'S
LOCAL RULE 7.1 MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT**

Defendants Agri Stats, Inc., The Clemens Food Group, LLC., The Clemens Family Corporation, Hormel Foods Corporation, JBS USA Food Company, Seaboard Foods LLC, Smithfield Foods, Inc., Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc. and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (collectively "Defendants") share the concerns raised by Defendant Triumph Foods, LLC ("Triumph") in its Response (ECF No. 1945) to Sysco Corporation ("Sysco") and Carina Ventures LLC's ("Carina") Motion for Substitution of Plaintiff and accompanying Rule 7.1 Meet and Confer Statement (ECF Nos. 1940-41) ("Motion"). Sysco and Carina allowed no time for meaningful engagement with any Defendant before filing the Motion. Multiple Defendants requested, but no Defendant has as of the time of this filing received, any information from Sysco or Carina that would allow Defendants to evaluate what prejudice to Defendants may result from this late substitution. Defendants cannot prepare a substantive response to the Motion without such information. Because Sysco and Carina failed to meaningfully meet and confer with Defendants prior to filing the Motion, the Motion should be denied.

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